

REMARKS

At the outset, applicants thank Examiner Stephens for her time and consideration of the present application during the interview with the undersigned on February 6, 2007. During the interview, the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action were discussed. In particular, the undersigned explained and illustrated that the present invention relates to a corpse body fluid leakage preventing device. In addition, proposed changes to the claims were discussed.

Claims 45-90 are pending in the application. Claim 45 has been amended to recite a "sealing member" comprising cotton substance to be placed in the nose or ears. Support for the changes to claim 45 can be found generally throughout the specification and original claims. In particular, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Figure 16 and page 33, lines 15-18.

By way of the present amendment, applicants note that the title of the present invention has been amended to recite a "Corpse Body Fluid Leakage Preventing Device". Applicants believe that this provides a better description of the invention.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 45-88 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over NISHIHARA JP 2002275001. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

NISHIHARA discloses a device for filling a throat with jelly by inserting a device comprising nares. The device comprises a syringe 1, an inserting tube 4, and a connecting portion 5 and jelly 8.

However, NISHIHARA et al. fails to disclose or suggest a sealing device for cotton plugs. Accordingly, applicants assume that this is why the Official Action cites to the JP 2003111830 and JP 08133901 publications. The JP 2003111830 publication is cited by the Official Action as disclosing a sealing device. The Official Action cites to JP 08133901 as disclosing a cotton plug for the throat, nasal cavity or ear holes.

However, none of the above-identified publications disclose a first cotton substance for a mouth and a sealing member comprising a second cotton substance for use as an earplug or noseplug. The cotton plug disclosed in the JP 08-133901 publication is a plug for a throat but not a cotton substance to be inserted in the mouth to prevent the leakage of fluid such as saliva. Although the JP 08-133901 publication discloses a cotton plug, the plug does not have a "spherical shape"

Thus, none of the above-identified publications disclose or suggest the utilization of a first cotton substance to be inserted in the mouth and a sealing member comprising a second cotton substance as recited in the claimed invention,

together with a syringe, an inserting tube , and a body fluid sealing member for a rectum.

Thus, in view of the above, applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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